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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

U.S. Application of: Hirokatsu SHIMADA

For: PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD TO  
CONTROL PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO WHICH  
MULTIPLE PRINTERS ARE CONNECTED, AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT TO PERFORM  
SAID CONTROL

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in  
37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring the following  
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The present U.S. application claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 11-165557.

Submitted herewith is a copy of the Notice on Reason for Rejection (dated September 27, 2001) for Japanese Patent Application No. 11-165557, and an English translation thereof. The Notice cites the following:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 07-225660 (FUJI XEROX CO LTD), published August 22, 1995;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 06-105131 (TOYO INK MFG CO LTD), published April 15, 1994;
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 06-303432 (TOYO INK MFG CO LTD), published October 28, 1994;
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 11-305970 (CANON INC), published November 5, 1999;
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2000-270130 (CANON INC), published September 29, 2000; and
- (6) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 08-185290 (CANON INC), published July 16, 1996.


Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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